

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 7-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 7-9 are amended, claims 2-6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 10-14 are added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 9 because of an alleged informality. However, claim 9 does not contain the alleged informality. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Reisman, U.S. Patent No. 6,611,862. Claims 2-6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The rejection is respectfully traversed in so far as it applies to claims 1 and 7-9.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a method for generating a multimedia user profile when indexing and browsing a multimedia object, comprising incorporating into the multimedia user profile ordering criteria information for a plurality of search items, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items in a

respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria; and incorporating into the multimedia user profile user preference information corresponding to the ordering criteria information for the search items, wherein search items to be browsed are displayed in a particular order based on the ordering criteria information according to a user preferred arrangement. Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite a multimedia search and browsing method using a multimedia user profile when indexing and browsing a multimedia object, comprising identifying ordering criteria information for respective search items, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items in a respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria, and user preference information corresponding to the ordering criteria information for the search items from the user profile; displaying search items in order of higher user preference on the basis of the ordering criteria information according to the user preference information; and searching and browsing a search object indicated by the search items displayed according to the user preference information.

Further, independent claim 8 has been amended to recite a method for generating search item preference information when indexing and browsing a multimedia object, comprising constructing a multimedia object by incorporating a search object comprising a multimedia data stream; a plurality of search items, each of which is a criterion of indexing; connection information which connects each of the plurality search items to the search object; and ordering criteria information for indicating ordering criteria for each of the plurality of search items, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items

in a respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria; and constructing a user profile by incorporating the ordering criteria information and a user preference value indicating preference to the ordering criteria information of the multimedia object for each respective category. Independent claim 9 has been amended to recite a multimedia search and browsing method using a user profile information when indexing and browsing a multimedia object, comprising identifying a search item which is a criterion of indexing and ordering criteria information for indicating ordering criteria for each search item from the multimedia object, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items in a respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria; identifying categories for indicating items which are criteria of the search and browsing, and a user preference value indicating preference to the ordering criteria information of the multimedia object for each category from the user profile information; selecting the ordering criteria information in order of higher preference value according to the user profile information for each search item; displaying multimedia items based on user preference by using the ordering criteria information selected from the user profile information; and searching and browsing a search object indicated by the search items that the user preference information reflects.

It is respectfully submitted that Reisman does not disclose or suggest all of the claimed features of independent claims 1 and 7-9, or the respective claimed combinations. Reisman discloses a user station software that controls transport and presentation of content from a remote source. More particularly, as set forth in the Abstract, Reisman discloses a method for operating a user station that is configured for communications with a multiplicity of

independently-operated data sources via a non-proprietary network that includes creating a send data object that includes user demographics and automatically sending the send data to a selected one of the data sources upon establishing a communication link, without any triggering user action. The user station includes operating system services 10, a containing information product 12, and an information transport component 14. The information transport component 14 provides a general purpose facility for sending and fetching information objects between an end user's computer (the client) and a central server. However, Reisman at least does not disclose or suggest incorporating into a multimedia user profile ordering criteria information for a plurality of search items, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items in a respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria, or incorporating into the multimedia user profile user preference information corresponding to the ordering criteria information for the search items, as recited in independent claim 1. Further, Reisman does not disclose or suggest the combination of independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claim 7, Reisman at fails to disclose or suggest identifying ordering criteria information for respective search items, the ordering criteria information including information for dictating an order in which search items in a respective category are to be displayed based on one or more criteria, and user preference information corresponding to the ordering criteria information for the search items from the user profile, and displaying search items in order of higher user preference on the basis of the ordering criteria information according to the user preference information. Reisman also does not disclose or suggest the combination of independent claim 7.

Similarly, Reisman fails to disclose or suggest any of the claimed features of independent claims 8 and 9, as well as the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 8 and 9.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1 and 7-9 over Reisman should be withdrawn. Added dependent claims 10-14 are allowable over Reisman in view of their respective dependency on independent claims 1 and 7-9, as well as for their added features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzbeck, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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